RATLIFF FOUND GUILTY.

SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS FOR BAPE UPON ONA BIRD

The most Diabolical Crime in the Annals of the County.

held whispered conversations.

ONA BIRD (the victim)

pushed her down on them.

then detailed the assault and rape

which was committed upon her by

the fiend at nine o'clock at night.

on a desolate mountain top, s

mile from habitation. Ratliff was

Bird if he approached. Finally

heard some one coming, and Rat-

screamed, and when she saw her

On cross examination it was

brought out that witness had gone

that they had decided to elope,

Is a physician and has been in

Uriah Bird.

father of Ons Bird, the prosecut-

ing witness. Was away from

home the 22nd of May, and upon

his return found his daughter

missing. *Upon searching learned

that she had gone with young

Gladwell Had just prepared for

bed, when notified of his daugh-

ter's wherebouts by Sergeant Yes

ger. Hucrying to Retliff's place

about a mile from his home be

on a blanket, and Rathiff running

ed me!" Tried to kill Hatliff, but

Paris D. Yeager.

Is 29 years old, and holds

at on of Bergeant of Marlin

Lives at Marlinton and is the

and almost ki led me!"

At 11 o'clock Friday morning Ratliff, who said it was all right, the jury after three bours consid Came back for Miss Bird whom h eration bought in a verdict in the left at the gate. Ratliff and Gay Retliff rape case as follows: . "We the jury, find the defendent, War wick C. Rathiff, guilty as charged in the within indict nent And further find that he be punished he was going to take Ona home, by confinement in the peniten and Gay drove him off at the tiary" Judge Bennett immedi point of a pistol. Came to Mar ately sentenced the prisoner to the linton and notified Sergeant Year full extent of the, 20 years -ex- ger. pressing his full belief in his gui t On first ballot, we understand, the vote stood nine for hanging. two for imprisonment, and ore undecided.

THE TRIAL

Bird, as principal and accessory Ratliff was drinking and brought ing. Had tied the horse and lay before the fact.

ruled.

newspapers which have been in- saddle. Took a chain from around selous from the time he fell from strumental in circulating inflama- the horse's neck and led it to one his horse, until aroused by Miss

On being arraigned, Rathff promise to take her to her father. tug of securing a jury was commenced. So strenuous was the examination undergone by the forty five venire men, and so strong the feeling that the quired panel of twen'y men lacked four of being complete. The jury commissioners then summoned twenty five additional venire mer. As they were from all parts continually listening for some one, of the county the sheriff and his and said that he would kill Urish deputies had considerable scurrying to do in order to have them in court Thursday morning. Four lift jumped up and ran. Witness of the new jurymen were from Marlinton and were examined at father, she cried, "Father, father, the night session, but all proved save me! Mr. Ratliff has ruined un fit for service.

Thursday morning the panel was made up, and the persons of the jury was as follows.

Wm, Cassell farmer, Lanty McNeel farmer, unmarried; S E. McNeel farmer, Joseph Pennell farmer, Saml. Moore merchant. lumberman, J. A. Beverage farmer H. L Kesler local preach- collapse. Found her much injured er merchant, J. H. Beverage swollen and some hemorrhage. farmer, S. D. Hannah farmer, A. M. Collins farmer.

The whole day was taken up with the testimony, and at five thirty both sides rested and at seven the Judge instructed the jury, and from eight to eleven was given over to argument of counsel. Attorneys, McNeel Mc-Clintic and Stephenson opening for the State followed by Senator Osenton for the defense and Pros ecuting Attorney Hill closed,

The case was given to the jury heard his daughter scream, and at 11.15, and after being in their upon riding up sees her standing room until 12 o'clock, saked that they be allowed to retire. At of. Is terribly excited but re eight o'clock Friday morning they memters hearing his daughter again took up the case, and after cry. Father, father, save me three hours deliberation brought | Ke liff has ruined and almost kill in a verdict of guilty with recommendation for imprisonment. was prevented by Yeager. Judge Bennet sentenced him to twenty years imprisonment hard labor

THE TESTI WONY

ARNOLD GLADWELL Mr. Bied and to ent toward Ratliff a from the courthouse Bird, and on the 22rd day of riding forward found Miss. Bird fown there is a rough wagon road. May went with her to good overs standing on a blanket, and has which leads to the farm. Down Decided to go to Virginia to get that if a distance of when on his way to the Reunion. In edited listener to Jeard's Free the Seale of West Marijuton, W. Vo. Best, C's to step all nights. Rat. C's to stay alli nights

Afterward arrested Gay and Gladwell. Brought all to jail. Identified gun, clothing and other rticles found upon the scene. W. C. RATLIFF

Is 35 years old, raised in Bath, and has been a resident of Pocahoptas for ten years. Lives on Marlin Mountain four males from Marlinton, where he had been or the 22nd day of May. Had been drinking all day, and was accus tomed to the use of strong dfin Prisoner played bai jo and Gay as be had weak lungs and heart danced. After helping around Had met Albert (say and asked the house, saw Ratl ff and Gay him to go home with him to help saddling herses. Ratliff told them him to take a calf from his wagon. About half past six o'clock had seen Arnold Glad well at his house and was askee by him if he and a woman could stay all night Had replied that it made no difference to him. Was surprised when he Lives in Marlinton and is o'x- found Gladwell's companion to teen years old. Had known to be Miss Ona Bird, whom he Gladwell 17 months, but was not knew by sight. Had decided to personally acquaired with War- bring her back to her father and wick Railiff On the 22nd of have Gladwell to come along, but May had gone to Rathff's, farm Gladwell got away from him and with Gladwell with the intention van off. Snatched Gladwell's hat Pocahontas Circuit Court con of staying all hight. Ratliff and s he ran and brought it along. vened Tuesday morning with Albert Gay were there and were Treated Miss Bird with all due Judge Bernett on the beach, and drinking. Assisted them in wash respect., and had no other thought the largest crowd in attendance in ing dishes and cleaning up the than to return her safely to her history. Immediately upon its kitchen. Rathiff got a horse and father. Had eaten nothing since sitting the grand jury returned in said he was going to take back her early morning and had been drinkdictment against Warwick Ratliff toher father. Put ber on the horse ing all day. Was drunk and sick. and Albert Gay for assault and and gave her some kind of drug Had fallen from his horse, and rape upon Miss One Bird, the six drink. She appeared to drink it. Miss Bird, asked him to fix the teen year old daughter of Squire but did not. It was not whiskey. blanket upon which she was rid-

whiskey with him, also a gun, and down and knows nothing of what Tuesday afternoon Ratliff was handed a pistol to Gav. Ratliff nappened until aroused by Miss arraigned. He is defended by said Gladwell was gone and was Bird who said there was some one the graduating class will be de-Price, Osenton & McPeake, and never coming back and that Glad- coming and that they had better livered by Dr J. H. Cox, of the the prosecuting attorney is assisted well intended leaving the country. run. Both ran, but the girl trip- Department of Literature of the by McNeil, McClintic and Steph- Was cold and had asked for Glad- ped and fell. As he ran some one West Virginia University. Dr. enson. A motion for continuance well's coat, but instead Gay shot at him, and he sat down in Cox is a Brown University man experience. These grand old men was overruled, and a plea for brought a blanket and a cover, order to escape being hit. Rec change of venue entered. Wed and put the blanket on her horse, ognized Mr. Bird's and Yasger's nesday forenoon was taken up ex. Witness asked prisoner why he voices and came to give himself amining witnesses and arguing the carried his gun and was told that up. Had been in jail ever since. motion, but this, too, was over- he felt sure he would need it. On cross examination said that Ratliff was continualy swearing as he had carried the gun because he In handing down his decision they came along the road. Pris- had seen pistol in Gladwell's the Judge took occasion to voice oner stopped and replied to wit- pocket, and thought perhaps he a merited rebuke to irresponible ness that he wanted to fix the might waylay him. Was uncon-

side. Asked him to fu fill his Bird. Albert Gay's satments in the pleaded not guilty, and then the Prisoner grabbed her and said main correborated Ratliff's testiget off this horse!" mony. Denied having driven The program this evening wil Threw blankets on ground and Gladwell off with a gun.

A number of witness were ex-Screamed for help. The witnessed amined as to Ratliff's credibility.

THE CRIME

Is the most horribly revolting and diabolical in its detail of any in the anuals of this or any other civilized community. Ons Bird and Arnold Gadwell have been sweethearts for over a year. The parents of One objected to the match on account of the extreme youth of both parties, but the young people were determined, and while out gathering flowers on the afternoon of the twenty second of May, they decided they would go and get married, and trust to with Gladwell for flowers and parental indulgence for forgive

It was their intention to catch a train at a flag stop above Marlinpractice 6 years. Examined Miss to but fearing their presence John o times farmer, Scott Darnell Bird on the night of May 22nd would be missed and the train and found her in a state of nervous | watched the youthful lovers change ed their course to the Virginia line, Warwick Ratliff. who lives on Marlin Mountain four miles

distant, had horses which he occasionally hired, and perhaps he rould be induced to assist them in starting in life. Together they walked the four miles through the primitive forest which intervenes between Marlinton and the Rat-

One sat at the gate while Arold went to Ratliff and asked if ne and his girl could stay all night, Ratliff said they could, and while he and his friend Gay did the cheres, Arnold and One washes the dishes and otherwise made selves at home, There was

About dark, after whispered last week. May has been grante Gay. Gay drives the boy Arnold Lamb has been confined in the away at the point of a pietol, and Ratliff makes preparations to bring One book to her father. Horses are saddled, and Oas is forced to

Sam Moore place. It is situated

ight of Marlinton. There at night in the dark dismal forest with pre is at her old Monterey home for meditation, committed a crime short stav. against defenseiers womashood which only for the respect of our ce in court and jury and for the week's visit. - Highland Recorder suppression of detail, would have caused the people to arise as of man to tear his bones asunder.

Arnold came on to town, and notified Sergeant Yesger and Squire Bird. They basened to Ratliff's. A mile or so and Ona's reams rent the night air. Har wing forward, there was the girl on some biankets, almost too weak to stand, horses tied near, Ratliff making off through thewoods, and the ground showing the appearance of a struggle hav-

ing taken place. Both men fired upon Ratliff as he ran, and then attention was given to the young girl who was in a deplorable condition-ravish ed, torn, and bleeding. She was elped up behind her father, and preparations made to return home for medical attention, and bloodhounds. A movement was heard in the bushes. Ratliff had not run off as be had to lie down to scape the bullets. He was placed under arrest, but not before the frenzied parent had a tempted to

Radiff was brought to jail, and after a trial lasting three days was found guilty and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary at hard labor.

Public School Closing Exercises. The public school closes Friday June 14th. The address before who is fast becoming very popular in his adopted state.

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consist of instrumental and vocal music, of drills, and an essay

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the following in addition: Psychology, rhetoric, physics, school law, English and American veiling of the monument to Gen

tre good for six years, may be retthey marched to Holl he state school system.

neld at Moundaville. Fairmont. Williamson, Montgomery; Morgantown on June 14 and 15. two feet in diameter. The members of the board are U. S Fleming president, Fair

Paris May and Burley Lamb mplicated in killing the Syrist whiskey at the bonse and Gay and peddler in the Sinks eighteen months ago, were brought here myersations between Ratliff and a new trial by the Supreme Court. peitentiary and was brought hore

> Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McLanghin, of Greenbrier, were in town luciday on their way home from

Miss Josephine, are here this week A. B. Kincald was compelled to

Pat McNu'ty and daughter,

C. W. Trimble and family have people for the law, their confiden gone to Pocahontas county for a

> J. W. Gillespie, of Arbovale, has given us an old fint which his grandfather used in his old flint lock rifle nearly a hundred years

ent us two old mill stones, suitae for use in the water or hand mills remembered by all of our older inhabitants. They are per aps two feet in diameter, four inches thick, and are evidently 'hand'' made. The old stones have not been in use for s life timd but they look as though they would do good service yet.

The Ronceverte News says that a swind er is traveling through the country selling barbed wire fencing stretcher machines. salesman leaves the machine and rods of good wire fence for trial, requiring the farmer to sign for the return of the strecher. The farmer signs for \$3 and invariably it turns out to be a note for \$300 when he comes to pay it.

There was something doing in Richmond, the capital city of the South, when the hosts of the Confederacy reunited. From every southern state, and some of the porthern ones, train I ad after tra n load of veterans and their descendants poured in. Gray haired men, who had not seen Richmond since the day they evacuated her to another armed host. as boys in years but veterans in and fully one tenth of the balf million men who enlisted in the cause of the South. And their presence was appreciated. Nothing was too good for them. They were here before as defenders and had returned as invaders, and they

were received with open arms. The city was packed to overflowing but Virginia hospitality ed to every one to defray expenses arose to the occassion and a city ed here. Owing to the cold, rainy Located at Marlinton in the weather some of the southerners state of West Virginia at the close suffered from exposure, but ware of business May 20, 1907. houses were rented in the heart of the city, and things made more

comfortable. As to the number of visitors, is would be almost impossible to Over drafts, secured and arrive at any estimate, but a conservative guess would place the Stocks and securities, number at double the city's population For two days and nights the C. & O. ran a train each hour, fifteen hundred people. The four Due from Banks or five other railway systems Checks and other cash going into Richmond did equally

The big parade of the occasion was-on Memorial day at the unliterature, and one from the foll- eral J. E. B. Stuart. The procession took two hours to pass a Botany, latin. plane geo netry, given point, and then three fourths rawing, history of education. of the old soldiers did not take Surplus fund These professional certificates part in it. From the manment ewed for twelve more, and re- where the graves of the Confeder newed sgain for twelve years ate dead were decorated. Especi-They are valid in every county in ally prominent in the parade were Subject to check 323 318 61 the state and are the highest the North Carolinians, who were Time certificates 3 700 00 ranking teachers' certificates in decorated with tags from the long leafed pine, and many of them The next examinations will be carried hornets pest. One of the nests was immense, being as large as a big stove four feet long and

Although the crowd was so large, one was con'inually meeting with acquaintances and friends, retary. Morgantown; C. E. Carri and from the number of Pocahon yan, Moundsvile; Josiah Keely, tas Greenbrier and Randolph peo-Montgomery; C. R. Murray. ple to be seen it looked some like a court day. It was the most socia ble crowd in the world. If you did not stop every old rebel, ask his name and regiment, and tell him your own, he felt slighted. It was surprising the number of Georgians, and others from the far south had soldiered here and remembered scenes and people in Pecshontas during the early years

Jeard" was there and in al his glory. He had been a body servant of Captain Hollaway, of Carpenters Battery, and had served through the war. Of a conse quence he was right at home masters artillery had been station

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Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the stock lders of the GREENBRIER AND RIE RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, s corporation created and organsed under the laws of the State of West Virginia, held at the office of the Company at 808 Broadway, New York city, N. Y on the 18th day of December 1906. the following resolutions wefe adupted.

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Virginia does hereby discon'in to sarrenders to said State its charter and corporate franchise.

Resouven, Second, that the President of this corporation cause Bank fir t began business June notice of the adoption of the fore going resolution to be published DOLLARS in some newspaper of general cir-283,819.13 culation published near the principal office or place of business of 68795 this corporation once a week for four successive weeks, and that he certify these resolutions to the Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, and deliver to him acertificate showing the publica. tion of said notice as provided by

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C. F. MOORE, President of said Corporation. Attest

A. J. Copy,

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"Because I Love You" is the suggestive title of a play to be rendered here Saturday night by home talent. The personnel is largely the the same that gave the very successful play "Single Life" a year or so ago, and this one promises to be even The auditorium of the new school building has been secured, and as this has been fitted up with comfortable seats and a spacious stage room. The hour of opening will be eight o'clock, and the time about two hogrs. The admission fee is 25 and 35 cts. Reserved seats 50c. Tickets on sale at the Marlinton Drug Store.

The old Confederates have been straggling back from Richmond all week. While a few are in bed from effects of reunion, all report a good time and look and feel twenty, thirty and even forty rears Jounger. All met comrades dey had not seen in forcy years, and but a row, terretted scope s mey had not seen in that time. facto is but one san door not spe precises the open handed hos, is mem by the dity of Richmond,